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Herald of **HOLINESS**



The Word of Life

ALMIGHTY

God

WHO HATH MEASURED THE WATERS

in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who hath directed the spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains. He that is so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved.

Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: that bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble. To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth. Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel. My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint (*Isa. 40:12-31*)*

**The most sublime description of God ever penned.—ADAM CLARKE.*



Hardy C. Powers



G. B. Williamson



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the Word of *Life*

Samuel Young



D. I. Vanderpool



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The source, purpose, and content of the Bible make it first of all books. It tells us who we are, where we came from,

where we are going, and how we should make the journey; and then leaves us with the feeling that authority has spoken.

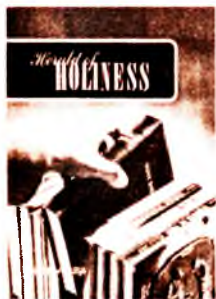
Within the sacred pages of the Holy Bible can be found the key to the puzzle of life, bread for the bundle of hungers within us, water for our spiritual thirsts which have gone unquenched, and guides and goals for all of our indwelling drives.

The Word of Life is the reliable Compass for the sailor on life's sea and the sharp, two-edged Sword for the soldier on the battlefield of life. It is the Square and Plumb Line for him who would build a happy, useful life. The Bible is the Foundation for our faith and reveals the purpose of the Cross. It brings hope to the despairing, solace to the sorrowing, and is a balm to the wounded. The Bible gives guidance to the erring, inspires songs in the night, and imparts courage to the prisoner in the dungeon or the martyr at the stake.

The Bible is a portfolio of letters from our Heavenly Father. We charge our people everywhere to read these letters to be wise, believe them to be strong, teach them to be fruitful, and obey them to be secure.

D. I. Vanderpool

For the Board of General Superintendents



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Together...

the Church Advances

ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS the Church of the Nazarene meets in representative assembly to review the work that has been done and to plan aggressively for the future. And so, June 17-22, 1956, marks the date of the Fourteenth General Assembly of the denomination.

Approximately seven hundred delegates, both lay and ministerial, elected from seventy districts will be meeting in the air-conditioned Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri. In addition to those representing the United States, there will be delegates from Canada, Britain, and the overseas home-mission fields of Australia, Hawaii, Alaska, and European South Africa.

The foreign missionary work of the denomination reaches into twenty-six world areas. Over three hundred missionaries and approximately fourteen hundred native workers are supported in carrying on gospel work at twelve hundred missions and preaching points. These foreign fields will be represented in the General Assembly.

This colorful body of Christians from around the world comprises the official voting assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, the supreme lawmaking body of the denomination.

High lights of this international gathering are: the opening service of the General Assembly on Sunday morning, June 17, at which nearly ten thousand assembly members and visitors will be served Holy Communion; the quadrennial address of the Board of General Superintendents on the opening morning of the business session, Monday, June 18; the election of the general superintendents who will direct the denomination during the next four years; adoption of goals, budgets, and plans for world evangelism during the next quadrennium.

Rallying under the banner of HOLINESS—*Heritage, Vision, Task*—the assembled delegates will *tarry* in prayer for guidance and direction, and then go forth with increasing purpose to bring Christ to the nations of the world.

By S. T. LUDWIG

General Secretary, Church of the Nazarene

Christianity *in action*



There was a rapid, almost soundless, shuffling of bare feet on the hard soil of the Wilderness of Judea. Suddenly the lone traveler was held in the viselike grip of men who demanded his money. In a few moments his body lay beside the Jericho Road, battered, bleeding, broken.

A certain priest came down that way, going home to the priestly town of Jericho. When he saw the robbers' victim, he murmured to himself: "Well, I did my duty by him when I offered his sacrifice a few days ago at the Temple in Jerusalem. I don't have any further responsibility to him now." He pulled his long, flowing robes closely about him and kept to the other side of the road, to avoid being contaminated in case the man was dead.

Then a Levite passed by. "Poor fellow, I guess he's too far gone." And he went on his way.

But "a certain Samaritan" came along. Spying the victim, his heart was gripped with compassion. He gently bound up the man's physical wounds, and generously ministered to his financial needs.

The philosophy of the robber crew was, "What's his is mine and I'll get it." The philosophy of the priest and Levite was, "What's mine is mine, and I'll keep it." The philosophy of the Samaritan was, "What's mine is his, and I'll give it." More briefly we might sum up these three philosophies of

life as follows: (1) Beat him up; (2) Pass him up; (3) Pick him up.

Jesus was the Good Samaritan, and He commanded His followers to play the same role. If we leave the lost alone we are imitating the priest and the Levite. It is not enough to say that we are not robbers, that we don't harm others. Jesus did not give us the Golden Rule thus: Don't do to others what you don't wish them to do to you. He said: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Confucius enunciated the Golden Rule in negative form. So did the Jewish rabbis. But that can issue in the criminal attitude of sheer neglect of the needy. Jesus demanded far more.

Some pastors follow the pattern of the ancient priest: "If people come to the services I'll preach to them; I'll pray for them. But my responsibility ends at the church doors."

Some laymen adopt the attitude of the Levite: "He is too far gone in sin to be reached. His case is hopeless; so there is no use in my trying to do anything."

So, priest and Levite, pastor and layman leave the man lying beside the road, lost without a helping hand.

May God help us to put our Christianity into action. Every saved person is thankful that he was not neglected, not left alone to perish in his sins; that someone came his way, prayed and preached or pleaded. We owe others exactly the same opportunity to find salvation. Our slogan is: Every Christian is a "Good Samaritan" every day!

by Ralph Earle

Professor of New Testament,
Nazarene Theological Seminary

Do you find scripture hard to understand?

You CAN know . . .

How to **READ** the Bible

The Bible can be in the home without being in the heart. In the rush of complex living many face the stress and strain of the day without the spiritual strength and guidance the Bible gives. Begin *today* to make life's supreme Guidebook *yours*. Try these practical suggestions for effective Bible reading:

1. *Have a Bible of your own.* Choose a Bible of your particular liking with size and print that you desire. It does not need to be expensive.



the Bible in my life

H. E. Wood

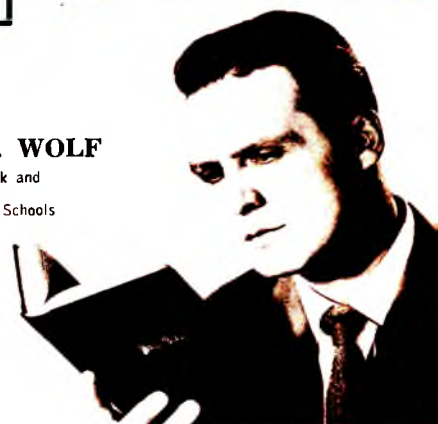
Securities Clerk in a London Bank (England)

I wish to record that it was through Bible preaching that I became a Christian. Unlike morality preaching, which merely awakened in me a passing feeling that I ought to be better, Bible preaching gripped me and led me to Christ. He made me right with God, gave me a change of heart, and later filled me with the Holy Spirit.

The Bible, after these experiences, became a Book of vital concern to me. It certainly contains some stern warnings and hard sayings, but it also gladdens my heart by verifying that I am on my way to heaven. The Bible just breathes truth to me. I pray the prayers recorded in it; I try to identify myself with the experiences of its saintly characters; each exhortation I accept as addressed to me personally and I begin to understand the privileges of God's children and the further blessings which they may receive of Him.

By EARL C. WOLF

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The success of your Christian life is largely dependent on the use you make of God's Word.

2. *Read your Bible deliberately and regularly.* One dares not be casual about that which has such spiritual import. Many Christians *read* the newspaper and merely *glance* at the Bible. From careful attention to God's Word will arise strong convictions and sound principles for meeting perplexing situations and for making life's decisions. Many people find it most helpful to begin the day with the Word. The particular time may vary with individual schedules but regular reading should be the practice of every Christian. Remember your daily appointment.

3. *Approach the Word prayerfully and reverently.* The Psalmist prayed, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Ps. 119:18). God will show you His directives. The Holy Spirit is the Interpreter of the Book. The riches of the Bible do not yield themselves to those of skeptical attitude but the sincere, reverent seeker will find treasures unlimited.

4. *Read thoughtfully, not mechanically.* Mathematical accomplishments are not your goal. Some may read a chapter or two and others only a few verses or a paragraph with profit each day. It is better to read and understand two verses than to run slipshod through two chapters. Read for light on your problems, food for your soul, strength for your day, freedom from tensions, and guidance for victorious living.

5. *Turn from reading to prayer.* God's message must become a part of your very being. Prayer

Life-giving Word

*Light-giving Word! When weak I was, and faltering
Along the darkened path where lost ones grope,
One piercing ray from thy rich truth shone near me,
And by its gleam I found the path of hope!*

*Life-giving Word! My soul has hungered—thirsted—
No earthly source could satisfy my need.
I found within thy pages living fountains,
And for my deep soul-hunger bread indeed!*



*Blest Word of God! I seek thy leading daily;
I cannot walk life's road from thee apart.
I keep thy law; I love thy holy precepts;
Thy precious promises sing in my heart!*

By **KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK**

will help you to understand and to obey—to live by divine directives. Prayer will strengthen you to share God's message with others.

6. *Begin your reading with the New Testament.* Read the Gospel of Mark or Luke. Turn then to Acts, where you have the beginnings of the Christian Church. Read several of Paul's letters—Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. Go back and read the Gospel of St. John. Now turn to Hebrews and Romans. You are ready to attempt the other New Testament books.

7. *Turn now to the Old Testament.* Start with Genesis, the book of beginnings. Then turn to the great devotional literature, the Psalms. Go now to Isaiah and read choice chapters, such as: Isaiah 35, 40, 53, 55. Read now Ruth and Jonah, and then turn to the larger historical and prophetic books.

8. *Read the Bible consecutively and entirely.* Thirty-three of the sixty-six books of the Bible can be read in less than an hour each. It's a treat to

read a book straight through. You can read the entire Bible through in a year, by reading three chapters each weekday and five on Sunday. If necessary, spread your reading out over a longer period of time. Don't be schedule-conscious and miss the moral and spiritual values which come from reading the entire Bible through.

9. *Turn often to the "beauty spots" of the Word.* Read those passages that have lifted to serene heights the saints throughout many centuries, such as: the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5, 6, and 7; Paul's hymn of love, I Corinthians 13; the love of God, Rom. 8:31-39; the high privilege of sonship, I John 3:1-3; and the fruit of the Spirit, Gal. 5:22-26. Read repeatedly those portions that helped you most. Familiar passages will never cease to lift you. God's Word never wears out; it is ever new.

Purpose with the Psalmist: "I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word" (Ps. 119:16).

DID YOU EVER awake in the darkness and sleepily stumble for the light, finding almost everything else but the switch?

Nicodemus did.

For him the depressing darkness of sin was staggering as he stumbled along the uncertain path of soul-hunger, groping for the inner light. Although respected and learned, Nicodemus risked his reputation by arranging a secret interview with the lowly Galilean.

He came complimenting the Christ but his well-chosen words fell flat when Jesus countered: "Ye

*Even with much learning
we may be*

Groping

for the Light

must be born again" (John 3:7). Nicodemus wanted to acknowledge Christ as Teacher; Jesus wanted to be recognized as Saviour. Nicodemus could not understand the new birth; Jesus could not explain it to him. Spiritual things cannot be revealed to sinners, even good and intelligent sinners. Obedience and faith bring salvation rather than a laboratory analysis or philosophical scrutiny.

What was this new birth which Nicodemus sought? Was it an unreasonable violation of the laws of nature? An unlikely fancy of the imagination? An opinion? Orthodoxy? Morality? Ritualism? Baptism? Church membership?

No, it was none of these things!



the in my life

Escal O. Pierce Service Manager of Buick Garage, Guymon, Oklahoma

Some of the fondest memories of my life are times spent around the family altar. Each morning after breakfast my father would read some carefully chosen passages from the Bible; then we would kneel while he asked God's blessings and help for the day. It is needless to say that these impressive moments left a distinct mark on my life, for God himself said that His word would not return unto Him void. Today God's holy Word means more to me than ever, His blessings are real, and His grace is sufficient for all our needs.

By FLETCHER CLARKE SPRUCE

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The new birth which Jesus offered to Nicodemus was new life! New creation in Christ! Sins forgiven! Peace with God! Eternal life! Deliverance from the world!

Have you been born of God? "He that believeth on the Son of God [is born of God] hath the witness in himself" (I John 5:10). When you get saved you will know it! You will be so positive about the transaction that you wouldn't thank an angel from heaven to tell you the work is done. The Holy Spirit will be within you witnessing to you that you are a child of the King.

Have you been born of God?

"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin" (I John 3:9). If you are living in sin you belong to the devil.

Sinning saints? As impossible as honest thieves or truthful liars! One of the proofs that you have been born of God is that you have quit the sin business.

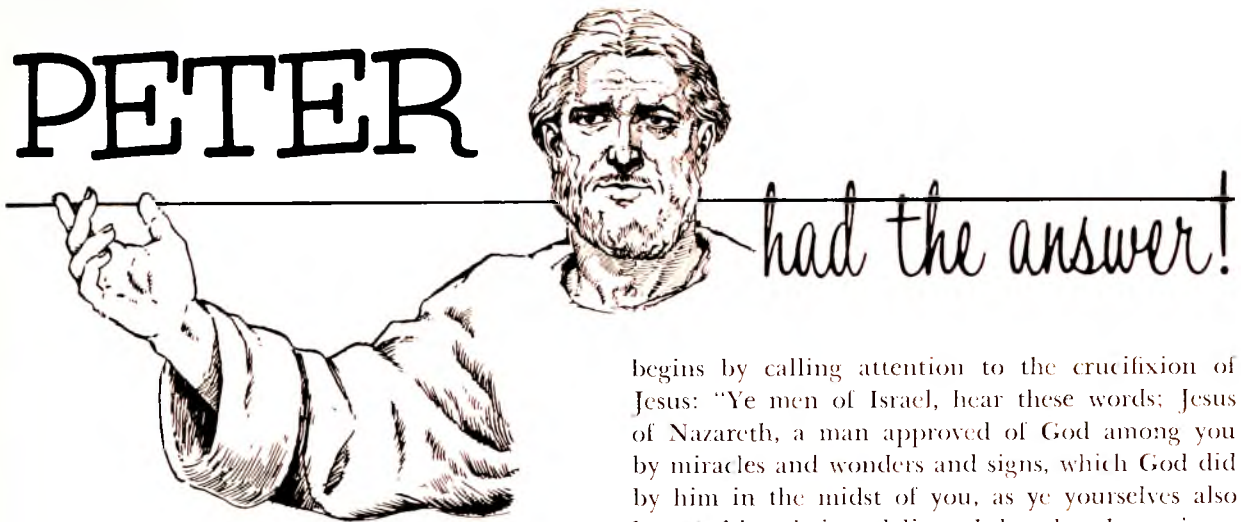
Have you been born of God? "Every one that doeth righteousness is born of him [God]" (I John 2:29). What is righteousness? That which is right in the sight of God. Quitting the old life is not enough. Being good is not enough. We must be good for something . . . Someone!

Have you been born of God? "Whosoever is born of God overcometh the world" (I John 5:4). Every person is either overcoming the world or being overcome by the world. We are daily growing either more like God or more unlike Him. We need to be born of God to overcome.

Yes, Nicodemus found the switch of faith which turned on the light of salvation.

Have you been born of God?

PETER



A HEAVENLY TORNADO

suddenly swept into the house where the 120 were sitting. Cloven tongues "like as of fire" sat upon each of them. Then the Holy Ghost filled all of them, causing them to speak with other tongues.

This is the brief story of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4), the most significant event in the history of the Christian Church. What had transpired immediately became the talk of the city. Soon a multitude were at hand, and they were amazed that every man "heard them speak in his own language." Some, mocking, declared that those who had been filled with the Spirit were full of new wine, but others said: "What meaneth this?"

Peter had the answer to this question; he got it from the Scriptures. Here are his words: "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy" (Acts 2:16-18).

But Peter had not yet fully answered the question which Pentecost raised in the minds of the multitude. He had made an excellent start in relating it to Joel's prophecy. He must now connect it with the living Christ, its immediate Cause. To this he devotes the remainder of his sermon. He

begins by calling attention to the crucifixion of Jesus: "Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain" (Acts 2:22-23).

Then Peter quickly moves on to remind his listeners of the truth of the resurrected Christ. He says: "Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it" (Acts 2:24). Please notice the last statement—"because it was not possible that he should be holden of it." This affirmation as to the inevitableness of the resurrection of Jesus is supported by several references to the Psalms, especially the sixteenth. A part of this section of Peter's message reads thus: "Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne: he seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption" (Acts 2:30-31). Once again Peter's answer comes from the Old Testament.

The climactic thought in Peter's explanation is found in these words: "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear" (Acts 2:33). It was the living and glorified Christ who poured out the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost.

An Editorial

by **Stephen S. White, Editor**





The living Word in daily life





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(1) **IN DAILY FAMILY DEVOTIONS**—The Roderick MacNevin family of Summerside, Prince Edward Island. Mr. MacNevin is manager of a Co-op Super Market and a trustee in the Church of the Nazarene. Mrs. MacNevin is president of the local missionary society. (2) **AMONG YOUTH**—Miss Ada McWilliams, who has helped establish many high school Bible clubs in Dallas, Texas, leads a high school Bible credit course. (3) **IN PERSONAL WITNESSING**—Layman Jim Roark points out a verse of scripture to his friend, Owen Laughlin, of Yakima, Washington. Mr. Laughlin is now also a member of the Church of the Nazarene. (4) **IN THE CHURCH**—Rev. Frank J. Kemendo reads from the pulpit Bible, the gift of the American Bible Society, in the Lakeview Park Church, Oklahoma City. This is a new church, organized

last August. (5) **WITH THE SICK**—Chaplain Archel R. Meredith brings encouragement from the Word in the ward of the Veterans' Administration Center, Wadsworth, Kansas. (6) **IN THE ARMED FORCES**—Chaplain Clifford Keys reads from God's Word to paratroopers of the 511th Airborne Infantry, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Chaplain Keys is now stationed in Japan. (7) **WITH THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD**—Jaime Galvez, who is in his year of practice preaching in the Bible school at Baguio, Philippine Islands, reads the Bible to Balagey, a recent convert. In the background are Balagey's wife and children in front of his cogon grass and bamboo house. Balagey is dressed in his Sunday clothes, given to him by a missionary. His father and grandfather were head-hunters.



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"In Their Own Tongue"



Young Tzeltal (Mexico) reading, in his own tongue, Scriptures printed by the American Bible Society.

I AM IN THAT BOOK," exclaimed an African native in surprise when, for the first time, he heard the Bible read to him in his own language. His was the joy that has come to the people of nearly eleven hundred language groups around the world who have been fortunate enough to have at least a part of the Bible made available to them in their own tongues.

A century and a half ago, portions of the Bible were available in only seventy-three languages and dialects in the world. Considering the lack of any organized effort to sponsor a translation program, this was a commendable achievement even though inadequate. It was made possible only because farsighted, pioneer missionaries in isolated situations had laboriously reduced native dialects to writing and followed this with the equally tedious task of translating key sections of scripture into these languages.

About the beginning of the last century the various Bible Societies, notably the British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society, began to come into being. These organizations set in motion a translation program which was to be

one of their most fruitful areas of endeavor. Since that time, over 1,000 languages and dialects have been added to the original total, and currently the number is increasing by about 15 a year. At least one book of the Bible is now available in 1,084 languages. Of these, the entire Bible is in 206 lan-

guages, a complete Testament in 260, and a Gospel or other whole book in 618. Nine-tenths of the human race now have access to the Scriptures; the remaining one-tenth, encompassing 1,000 languages, is yet to be covered in the translation program.

The preparation and publication of a Bible translation involves almost unbelievable labor. Dr. Eugene Nida, director of translation for the American Bible Society, estimates that it takes an average of twelve years for two people to reduce a primitive language to writing and translate a Gospel into that tongue. One of the great problems

● By J. FRED PARKER

Editor of "Conquest" and "Young People's Journal"

in translation is that many times there is no exact counterpart in the new language for some thought which the scripture expresses. Native idioms must, therefore, be incorporated. For instance, in the Quechua Indian language in Bolivia the "peace which God gives" is translated, "God makes us sit down in our hearts." The Baoule of Africa's Ivory Coast say that "joy" is "having a song in the body," and the Tzeltal Indians of southern Mexico describe "faith" as "hanging onto [as a vine to a tree] with the heart."

At the headquarters of the American Bible Society in New York City is a large panel which names every language into which the Bible has been translated. There you will find listed the Aguaruna language, credited to the diligent efforts of Esther Carson Winans. There also is Kekchi, spoken by an Indian tribe in Guatemala, where William Sedat, another Nazarene missionary, has been working intensively since 1945 on a New Testament translation which he hopes to complete in the next few years.

Someone has made the significant comment that "only people who can read it can enter into the secret place of communion through God's Word." This thought should arouse us to press forward in this unfinished task until that final 200 million people will have the Scriptures in their mother tongues.

THE BOOK of Answers



SOMEBODY ACROSS THE STREET waved but Charles Keagle, walking along with his hands thrust into his pockets and his head bent to hide the despair on his face, didn't wave back. Even if it was a friendly wave—from somebody who felt sorry for him—he wouldn't acknowledge it. All he wanted was to get away, to go where nobody ever had heard of him; where nobody ever had known his father. All he wanted was a chance to live without the background of shame.

The door to the little room at the side of the church was unlocked and he turned the knob and went in. There he stood, twisting his cap in his



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in my life

Mrs. H. L. Slonecker, Sr.

Employee of the State, Nashville, Tenn.

The other day my boss handed me a poem he had written. It was on beautiful paper and had a lovely picture at the top, but frankly all I could see was words, punctuation, and rhyme. Later, hearing him relate to a friend the circumstances which inspired the poem, I read it again, finding new meaning. I found it was written out of love to a loyal relative who had helped materially before the death of his little son. This reminds me of many who read the Bible without getting the meaning because they have never seen the purpose for which it was written or met the Author. When we have met the Christ, the Holy Spirit illuminates the Word and we then truly understand. Even when death enters our family or temptation and trial come to us, we can stand upon the known and loved promises. That will lighten our load.

A story by NELLIE M. STEWART

hands as the minister looked up and said, "Hello, Charlie. What brings you here this morning?"

Charles gulped. He was a tall, slender youth of twenty, with bitterness written in every line of his set face. Yet only last week he'd walked down the aisle to the altar in the church, and accepted Christ. Only last week . . .

"Hello, Reverend," said Charles. "I came to say good-bye. I'm—going away."

"Going away? Going where, Charlie?"

"I don't know. I don't care—just so long as it's far enough. I—" He stopped, the bitterness within him burned hot, and tears moistened his eyes. "You read the morning papers?" he asked.

The minister nodded. "I read them, Charlie. Your father was caught breaking into a store again. He'll be—sent away—again. I'm sorry, Charlie. He's spent a lot of time in jails, hasn't he?"

"He's no good!" The words burst from Charles Keagle as the bitterness spilled out. "He's never been any good and he never will be. And my brother Bobby—he's going to be just like him. Only seventeen and already he's been picked up a dozen times by the police. And my mother—"

Charlie's shoulders sagged and, in spite of his efforts to control them, the tears came. "My mother isn't any good, either. What chance have we kids got? Bobby wouldn't be bad, if— But he's never had a chance, either. Even Butch—"

Butch, the minister knew, was the youngest brother—only twelve. So far he'd steered clear of trouble, but . . .

The minister picked up the morning paper, turned its pages. "Look," he said quietly. "There in Chicago . . . in a little town in the Midwest . . . in an East Coast city . . . in Los Angeles. Wickedness and trouble are everywhere."

"I know." Charles Keagle was regaining his self-control. "But you don't understand, Reverend. Here, I don't have a chance! I'm the son of a habitual criminal here. I'm the brother of the kid who broke into a grocery last week. It's my mother who staggers down the street . . ."

He walked over to the window, his fists clenched in his pockets. "I can't stand it any longer!"

"What of Bobby—and Butch?"

"I don't know. I have lots of questions, Reverend, and I need the answers. Where can I find 'em?"

His words were clipped, so pent-up was his emotion.

"You might try this, Charlie," the minister said softly. He had reached across his desk for his Bible. "Here is the world's best Book of Answers, Charlie. To every personal problem there is an answer in it—if you search for it. To all the hurts and bitternesses of the world, here is the comfort, the assurance, the *answer* the soul craves. In it is also the story of Jesus. He suffered too, Charlie; He knew heartbreak."

Charles took the Book, looked at it. "I never thought of that," he said. "All the answers to

everything—right here! I didn't know that. I guess I should have been reading the Testament they gave me last week. Maybe I would have found some of those answers."

A contemplative expression crept into his face, erasing the bitterness. "Last week at the altar I said, 'Show me the way, Lord! Show me what You'd have me do!' I guess maybe I've just been shown."

"Shown what, Charlie?"

The young man took a deep breath, his shoulders squaring. "I can't run out on Bobby and Butch, Reverend. They have problems too; and if I went away, maybe they'd never read this Book to find answers to *their* problems. I'm going to read it, study it. Help them to want to read it, too. I guess the Lord needs me right here."

His eyes began to glow with a new light, as he repeated softly, "The Book of Answers."

The Divine Enabling

I Pet. 1:14-16

HERE IS THE APOSTOLIC DECLARATION on Christian holiness. It is immediately evident that the writer is familiar with the Book of Leviticus, where holiness is demanded at least five times of priest and people in the words of the scripture before us.

Peter, in common with Moses, believed that God calls His people to a holy life, and that such a life is not optional but imperative. The scripture before us is vital in nature. If we may put it in the form of a jingle, it is an experience to be experienced. We have said it this way, not for the sake of the jingle, but because of the loose ideas so frequently held concerning the holy life. Many an earnest seeker has been sidetracked on the very border of Canaan through the influence of carnal wilderness wanderers who have misinformed him as to the nature of the experience.

With a fine subtlety, that glorious scriptural ex-

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pression "in Christ" has been so twisted as to become a dangerous error. "Yes! you are to be holy," they are told, "but only in Christ. It is not in yourself." That, on the surface, sounds good. It magnifies the Lord, and humbles the flesh. The difficulty is not in the expression, but in the interpretation. All we have and are is "in Christ." He is the Center and Source of all good. Yet, having said that, we go farther and insist that while He is its Source and Center, and from Him all goodness is derived, His nature is to be *imparted to us*, and *possessed by us*. True holiness is not an imputation which is reckoned ours by proxy, but an impartation which becomes ours by faith. The

Christian is commanded to be holy just as he is commanded to be honest. It is not sufficient to talk about being honest in Christ while we are dishonest in ourselves.

For our holiness, Christ is the Source, not the substitute. It is not that Christ is holy instead of us, but rather that He imparts His holiness to us. God's "Be ye" must mean "Become ye." It is a transfer from himself to the believing heart.

We would further add that this experience is revolutionary in character. Holiness, in any person, will make a definite change. It revolutionizes the life. We are to be holy in all manner of living.

It revolutionizes the heart. True holiness deals with life on the inside. It purifies the heart, making the nature inwardly clean. A holy life is the product of a pure heart. For all this, the Apostle advances two unanswerable arguments, foundational facts on which this truth is based.

The first is the character of God, "For I am holy." No other religion can make such a claim for its deity. Heathen gods were conceived of as patrons of impurity. Their devotees sought to be like them and reveled in the filth. Here Peter would seem to say: If the heathen emulate their gods in their squalor, should not the Christian be like his God in His holy character?

The second great fact is the Word of God. "It is written. Be ye holy." Here is our Holiness Charter—the Word of God. "It is written"—not only in the passage before us; not only in the Levitical passage from which Peter quotes; but "It is written" plainly and unmistakably throughout the Sacred Book. We have stated again and again, and here we make no apology for repeating it: There is no passage of scripture, whether in the Old Testament or the New, which contradicts the teach-



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in my life

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Twenty-eight years ago, through Mrs. W. B. Needles, then of Kansas City, Missouri, I heard for the first time the story of Jesus as given in the Bible. She was anxious that I know about Jesus, for I was to marry her daughter in one year. With this beginning, I read the Bible, listened to it explained, discussed it in study groups, and heard its texts expounded from the pulpit. But it was not until I found Jesus as my own Saviour and committed my life entirely to Him that the Bible became the living Word of God to me. Now the words of the Bible have taken on a new and deeper meaning. I find my mind and soul lifted and instructed each time I prayerfully study its words. I know for myself the truth of Paul's statement in 1 Cor. 2:13 that the deep things of God are "not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit" (R.S.V.).

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The Place of Safety

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ANY MAN who thinks that he can get along without God and the Church displays an independence that borders on audacity. There is a kind of courage that is mere madness. Who would want to try to live without the ninety-first psalm? It is full of sacred emotions and noble thoughts concerning God. It seems that all possible human experience has been anticipated, and all the downpours of grief have been turned into the rainbow of hope. Someone has said that all the other parts of the

Bible are in the Psalms. There creation is repeated; the wilderness is remembered; the Church is outlined; there Christ is born; there the wail of Calvary sanctifies all other agony.

This psalm seems to reach a grand climax in the last two verses. "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him." God answers prayer. Happy is the man who knows his way to God. Some answered prayers can never be forgotten; we go back to them for help.

There was the time when the doctor slowly shook his head, folded up his medicine case, and said, "Too bad, but there is no use to take him to the hospital now." He had just given up our oldest boy. I was in the other room and got on both knees (I think sometimes that we don't really pray until we get on both knees), and God spared him.

There was another time we prayed just as earnestly for our youngest boy when he was in the valley, but God only said, "Get ready; I'm going to take him home." But it was the same sweet voice that said, "No." "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him." He may not always say, "Yes," but blessed be God, He always answers!

It does not always take a long prayer to have an audience with God. Elijah prayed a short one, but the fire fell. When Peter was about to sink beneath the waves, he cried, "Lord, save me," and Christ reached out His hand and lifted him up. If he had started off, as we sometimes do, "O Thou Great Architect of the Universe," he would have had his mouth full of water before he got around to what he was going to say.



the in my life

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The most vivid memories I have of my parents are of times about the family altar when the worn Bible was brought out, and from its pages was drawn inspiration for the day. During my first few years of teaching, in isolated areas with little or no Christian fellowship, it meant much to get alone with God and study His Word. Now, as father of a family, I realize the importance of the Bible in my own home. In its pages we find the answers to each day's problems. In the classroom, too, the Bible has its place. Students with varied religious backgrounds evidence a desire to know more about the message of hope it brings to the world. Today, more than ever, I am persuaded that the Word of Life is the only true light in a world that is dark and disturbed, and I find in it peace for my own soul.

The world is full of trouble, and it comes to Christians and sinners alike. But Christians can abide under the shadow of the Almighty. There is never a night so long, nor a valley so dark and deep, nor a furnace so hot, but that there will be One like unto the Son of God walking with you. He will not only be with you, but also deliver you.

God will also honor those who honor Him. It may seem at times He has forgotten, but wait on Him. It is not at all difficult for me to believe that if I will honor God He will honor me. I couldn't have any less faith in God than that and be a Christian.

"With long life will I satisfy him." Longevity of life is definitely a part of our Christian heritage. Religion not only makes life better by sweetening and purifying every fountain of our being; it also makes life longer.

"Shew him my salvation." We have seen His tears, His blood He sweat in the Garden, His death on the cross. But one day we shall see the King in His glory, and His heavenly glory will be enriched because of His earthly conquest.

Under His wings, under His wings,

Who from His love can sever?

Under His wings my soul shall abide,

Safely abide forever.

the NAZARENE CREED in brief

1. There is one God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

2. The Old and New Testament Scriptures, given by plenary inspiration, contain all truth necessary to faith and Christian living.

3. Man is born with a fallen nature, and is, therefore, inclined to evil, and that continually.

4. The atonement through Jesus Christ is for the whole human race; and whosoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is justified and regenerated and saved from the dominion of sin.

5. Believers are to be sanctified wholly, subsequent to regeneration, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

6. The Holy Spirit bears witness to the new birth, and also to the entire sanctification of believers.

7. Our Lord will return, the dead will be raised, and the final judgment will take place.

8. The finally impenitent will be hopelessly and eternally lost, while all who savingly believe in and obediently follow Jesus Christ will be assured of a glorious and everlasting life.

They Tried to Destroy It!

OUR ENGLISH BIBLE

was born in the fires of fierce antagonism. When the first translation was made in the fourteenth century, opposition to the Scriptures in the language of the common man was bristling. Some years earlier the highest voice of the medieval church had said, "If a layman touches the Bible, he is guilty of sacrilege and should be stoned or shot through."

Small wonder, therefore, that when John Wycliffe set out to render the Bible in English he ran into determined resistance. One of his co-workers, Nicolas of Hereford, was seized one day while translating the

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Old Testament. We still have Hereford's manuscript, broken off abruptly in the middle of a verse! Hereford was imprisoned and tortured for heresy. John Purvey, another scholar who worked with Wycliffe, was imprisoned also.

Wycliffe escaped arrest because of his immense popularity, and in due

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time his translation was completed. A law, however, was speedily passed that no one should read it "on pain of excommunication." Forty years after his death Wycliffe's bones were dug up, burned, and thrown into the river Swift.

It was William Tyndale who encountered the bitterest persecution. His birth came about one hundred sixty years after that of Wycliffe, but the attitude of the church toward translations was unmitigated. Tyndale, however, had a new weapon at his disposal, the newly invented printing press.

Escaping to Lutheran Germany in 1524, Tyndale engaged a publisher at Cologne to print his New Testament translation. While the work was on the press, one of Luther's enemies, a priest named Cochlaeus, discovered what was going on. He had overheard some of the printers boasting of the revolution that was soon to be accomplished in England through the Book they were printing. Becoming suspicious, Cochlaeus plied these men with wine and finally drew from them the information he desired.

Before the authorities could be alerted, Tyndale was warned. He fled with the unbound sheets to Worms, where in 1525 he brought out two editions of his English New Testament. These were smuggled into England in cases and barrels, in bales of cloth and sacks of flour, in every secret way that could be devised. In spite of the utmost vigilance on the part of port authorities, several thousand of these Testaments reached England and were scattered far and wide.

A campaign to destroy Tyndale's New Testament was immediately launched with Bishop Tunstall leading the forces of opposition. He preached against the work, charging it contained no less than 3,000 errors! (When pinned down, he could find only two.) Copies were publicly burned. Of the two editions—6,000 books in all—only one copy of each remains, so determined and fierce the campaign of destruction directed against them.

Tyndale was hunted like a wild beast and in 1535 was tracked down and arrested. Tried and condemned as a heretic, he was executed by strangling on October 6, 1536.

In spite of this furious hostility against these precursors of our English Bible, the inspired Book lives on, proving its inherently divine power of survival! "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." They tried to destroy it, but they failed!



the in my life

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The Bible has been a stabilizing influence in my life. During my early teen years the value of Bible reading was learned. Since then the Word of God has truly been a "lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Since I was not privileged to take many regular Bible courses, my knowledge has come through daily reading and more and more I find its precepts becoming a part of my life. The beauty of having the Bible "hid in my heart" is that one doesn't have to wildly thumb through the Rule Book to see if this is right and proper. A quick, silent prayer brings the answer to a point of conduct.



mother's Old Bible

OF SILVER AND GOLD

my mother left me no legacy. She gave me the heritage of a godly life and example. The basis for that was her much-perused Bible. I have it before me. The front cover is off. The picture of my missionary father is pasted on the flyleaf. He departed this life in Georgetown, British Guiana, South America, when I was four and one-half years of age. To my mother was left the task of bringing up her three children. Under my father's picture are the words:

*Though the long vistas of a dead past arise
To hide the misty beauty of your eyes—
Though years may spread their mighty wings
between
The Then, and Now—and all that might have
been—
And e'en though darkening Death shall part us
again, I know
That sometime, somewhere, we shall meet again
and you
Will find me true!*

This confident covenant she made with my father. She prayed to God to permit her to live to bring up her three children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. From her Bible she received strength for herself and instruction for us. After toiling from six in the morning to six in the evening, at the close of the night meal she would read to us from the sacred pages of her Bible, and then upon her knees she would thank God that we had been kept together for another day.

As I turn the worn-edged pages of my mother's old Bible, I find verses from Genesis to Revelation underlined. Only a few of these can be mentioned. In Romans are marked the words: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" Then, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." On a page with one part gone are lined the words, "We shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

I turn over a page which is a map of the Holy Land. On the back of that page is a poem written by my mother, entitled "In Memory of My Dear One." I give you the first stanza:

Thou art gone and left me, darling,

Left me in this land of woe,

Left me where the trials thicken,

And I know not how to go.

But the golden light shone out of the pages of her Bible, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it," and, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." In her dark night of sorrow there in her home on Barbados Island, B.W.I., with my sister, Donna, then one year old, in her arms, and the cablegram from South America saying, "Moulton dead," in her hand, my mother cried out, "O God, why?" God answered her in words from her Bible, saying, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" I turn another page and read the first stanza of another poem written by my mother:

Yielded to my blessed Jesus

Whatsoever to me befalls;

I am wholly yielded to Him,

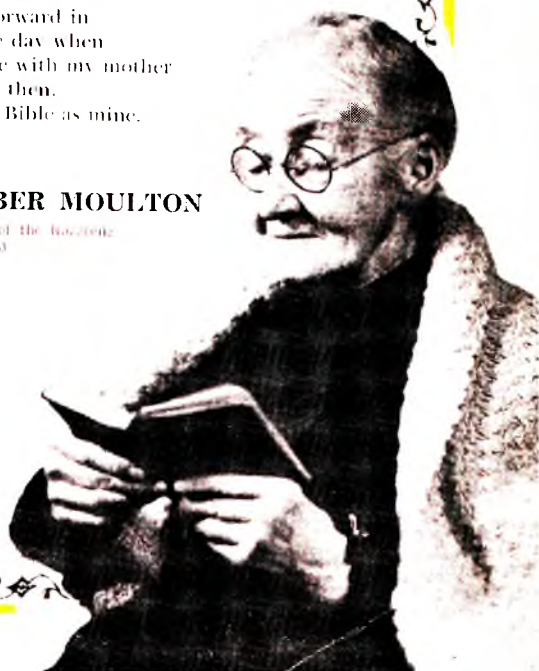
Wholly yielded to His calls.

Through every dark night and cloudy day my mother proved that she had yielded all to her blessed Saviour. Her consecration carried through to the morning when God took her to be with her husband and himself.

I close the broken back cover of my mother's old Bible. I place my hand upon it and say, "My mother's old Bible is true." I believe it to be the divinely inspired Word of God. It is my guide to heaven's golden shore. By following its precepts and the Christ revealed therein, I look forward in confidence to the day when I shall see and be with my mother forever. I claim, then, my mother's old Bible as mine.

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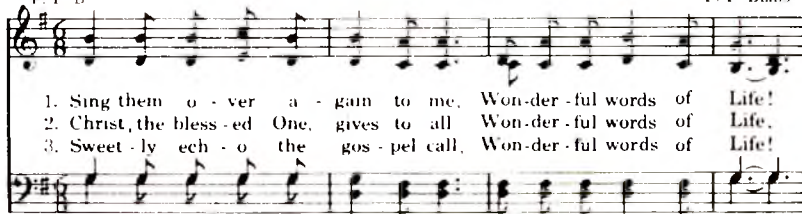
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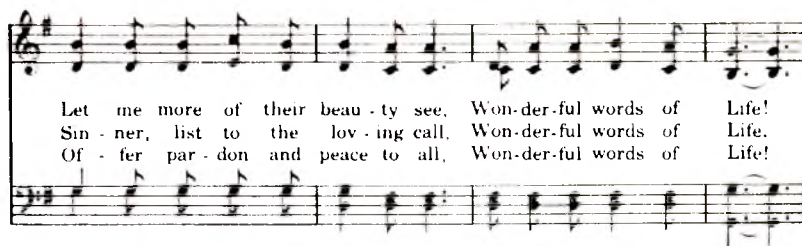
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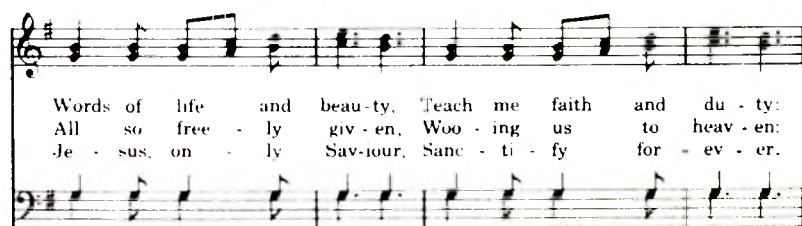
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1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, Won - der - ful words of Life!
 2. Christ, the bless - ed One, gives to all Won - der - ful words of Life!
 3. Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, Won - der - ful words of Life!

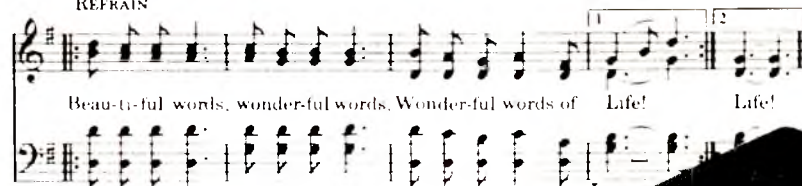


Let me more of their beau - ty see, Won - der - ful words of Life!
 Sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, Won - der - ful words of Life!
 Of - fer par - don and peace to all, Won - der - ful words of Life!



Words of life and beau - ty, Teach me faith and du - ty:
 All so free - ly giv - en, Woo - ing us to heav - en:
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - iour, Sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er.

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Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, Won - der - ful words of Life! Life!

